

The Royalston Historic District Study Committee met at the Library on September 13, 1974 with the following members present - Chairman John Poor, Sue Bosco, Dorothy Corser, Richard Boast, Maxine Wilcox, and associate member Douglas Brown.

Under old business it was announced that sufficient Form B's are now in our possession to complete the surveys.

Under new business the members discussed Consideration of Options available for historic district controls as outlined on p. 7-8 No. 7 with the following results -

- A. Retain
- B. Not sure - not too concerned
- C. Retain control
- D. Not too concerned except for lighting fixtures.
- E. Retain white paint preferred but other colors would be considered if compatible.
- F. Retain
- G. Retain
- H. Retain but simplify
(E, G and H should be rewritten and worded carefully.)

We then discussed the time when we should present our plan to the town - it must be verified whether it has to come up at the annual town meeting or at a special meeting.

Richard Boast volunteered to write up a preliminary report.

PREAMBLE

The purpose of this by-law is to promote the educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public in keeping w/ the provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, Chapter 40 C, as amended through the preservation and protection of the distinctive outward appearance and characteristics of buildings and places significant in the history of the Town; through the maint. of the appearances & settings of buildings & places; & through the encouragement design & construction compatible therewith.

BY-LAW

1. There is hereby established an Historic District in that part of Royalston known as ^{the} "Royalston Common" hereinafter called "Royalston Common Historic District" under the provisions of Gen'l Laws, Chapter 40 C, as amended, bounded & described as follows:



The foregoing metes & bounds are shown on a map in "Royalston Common Historic District. Established 1976" filed w/ the Town Clerk, and w/ the Worcester County Registry of Deeds. Said map is designated as map required for filing in accord. w/ the fourth paragraph of section 3 of said Chapter 40 C, as amended. The sources of said map are United States Geological Survey, (place name), _____, and on site sur-

of October 1974.

2. There is hereby established a Historic District Commission, hereinafter called "The Commission" under the provisions of Gen'l Laws, Chapter 40C, as amended, consisting of ~~six~~ (5) members, and two (2) alternate members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Before making any appointment, the Bd of S'men shall in writing request the names of (2) nominees from the Royalston ~~Historical Soc~~ ~~including~~ two (2) nominees from the American Institute of Architects covering Royalston; and two (2) nominees from the Board of Realtors (?) covering Royalston. One appointment shall be made from the two (2) nominees named by each such organization. If any such organization shall fail to name two (2) nominees within thirty (30) days of such request, the Bd. of S'men may make the appointment without nomination from such organization. The remaining appointments may be made without nomination from any independent organization. At least one or more members so appointed shall be a resident of, or owner of, property within the Historic District. When the Commission is first established, three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; two (2) — — — two (2) years; and two (2) — — — three (3) years. Successors shall be appointed in like manner for terms of three (3) years. The filling of vacancies in the membership of the Commission, designation

alternate members to serve as reprimed, and the election of officers shall be in accord. w/ the prov. of General Laws, Chapter 40C, as amended.

3. The authority of the Commission ... ? ..

4. The Commission shall have all the powers and perform all the duties conferred and imposed ~~of~~ on Historic District Commissions by the Gen'l Law of the C-wealth.

5. In accord. w/ Section 16 of the Gen'l Laws Chapter 40C, as amended, the Commission shall have the powers and duties of an Historical Commission, as provided by Gen'l Laws, Chapter 40, Section 16.

6. The Commission shall adopt rules & reg. for conduct of its business not inconsistent w/ the prov. of Gen'l Laws, Chapter 40C, as amended, and may, subject to approv., employ clerical and technical assistants or consultants and may accept money gifts and expend same for such purpose.

7. In case any section, paragraph, or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, para., or part shall continue in full force and effect.

(next page : Bibliography)

(finally : map)

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To the Honorable Planning Board
Royalston

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the Preliminary Report of the proposed Historic District. The Mass Historical Commission has approved this report. Accordingly, the next step toward establishing the Historic District is your review of the Preliminary Report and providing the Study Committee your comments and recommendations.

If (when) the Preliminary Report meets with your approval, a Public Hearing will be scheduled and all property owners ~~and~~ be notified at least fourteen (14) days in advance. The Study Committee will ~~take~~ provide the notice to the property owners, if you so desire, and will ~~provide~~ make all necessary explanations to the property owners at the public hearing.

I shall await the results of your review of the Preliminary Report. If no substantive action by the Study Committee is found necessary, you may ~~establish~~ set a date for the Public hearing at your discretion.

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Dear Property Owner:

As required by law, we are notifying you directly of a public hearing regarding the proposed historic district in Royalston Centre.

The hearing will be held on _____ at _____ p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Mass. Historical Commission has approved the Prelim. Report of the Royalston Study Committee and the above scheduled public hearing is the next step toward establishing the Historic District. At the public hearing any recommendations from the Planning Board will be reviewed and all questions ~~from~~ property owners may be about the proposed Historic District will be answered.